



The ACE Writing Strategy

Answer the question

- Answer the question completely
- Use key words from the question in your answer
- This is your claim

Cite evidence from the text

- Use clear, specific examples from the text that support your claim
- Refer, provide, describe, define
- Use quotations when citing exact words / phrases

Explain

- Explain the connection between your evidence and your claim
- Extend and elaborate the support for the example
- Answer the question “So what?”



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DID I...

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- Does this example support my claim?
- Did I use quotations when citing exact words / phrases?

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ACE Writer Worksheet

Question:

Thesis/ Claim:

Cite #1

Explain #1

Cite #2

Explain #2

Did I answer the question completely?

Are there key words from the question in my answer?

Did I pick a clear, specific example from the text?

Does each example support my claim?

So what?

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Cite #3

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Does each example support my claim?

Explain #3

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Summary

Did I wrap it all up?

Did I restate my thesis/claim?

Did I use different words?

Was I sure not to add any new ideas?